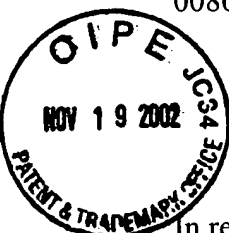


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Unassigned
KAZUHIRO NOGUCHI, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2872
Appln. No.: 09/844,274)
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Filed: April 30, 2001)
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For: VARIABLE MAGNIFICATION) November 19, 2002
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Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c) To Accept Unintentionally Delayed Claim To Priority

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to accept an unintentionally delayed claim of priority for the above-identified application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c).

Submitted herewith is the surcharge of \$1,280.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t).

Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

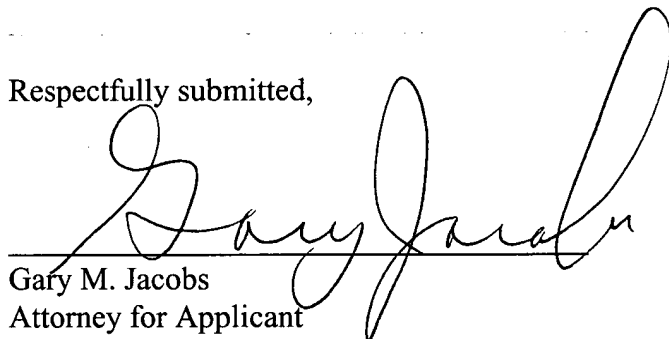
The reference identifying the prior applications from which the above-identified application claims priority, which is being made in a Claim To Priority and an application data sheet submitted concurrently herewith, was unintentionally delayed from the due date of

August 30, 2001, until the date of filing of this petition. In accordance with

37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c)(3), Applicants hereby state that the entire delay was unintentional.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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